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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER   |                                |                              | Case No. 6270/66       |
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| Serial<br>09/931,145   | Filing Date<br>August 15, 2001 | Examiner<br>Not yet assigned | Group Art Unit<br>2857 |
| Inventor(s)<br>Benedikt T. Huber et al.                        |                                |                              |                        |
| Title of Invention<br>EXPANDABLE INTELLIGENT ELECTRONIC DEVICE |                                |                              |                        |

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3pp. Filed in Dup.); Form PTO 1449 (1p.); 6 cited references; and PTO Reply Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/931,145

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For: Expandable Intelligent Electronic  
Device

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2857

## FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:


| No.   | Date              | Name           |
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| 6,496,342 B1  | December 17, 2002 | Horvath et al. |
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| <b>OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b><br>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.) |                   |                |
| 6200 ION, Installation & Basic Setup Instructions, ©Power Measurement Ltd., Revision<br>Date April 25, 2001, 50 pages.  |                   |                |

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vincent J. Gnoffo", written over a horizontal line.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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|                     | E4 | 6,301,527 B1   | 10/09/2001 | Butland et al. |                    |                |
|                     | E5 | 5,994,892 A  | 11/28/1999 | Turino et al.  |                    |                |
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|                     | E6 | 6200 ION, Installation & Basic Setup Instructions, ©Power Measurement Ltd., Revision Date April 25, 2001, 50 pages.   |
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